

Minutes of Select Board Meeting
April 17, 2018

Members Present: Tiffany Maiuri, David Leavitt, Ruth Cushman, Keith Swett and Rhonda Irish (Town Manager) Absent: Jeff Adams

Also Present: Gwen Doak, Amber Kapiloff, Heidi Wilcox and Heinz Gossman

Item #1 Minutes of the Meeting April 3, 2018

David/Keith m/m/s to accept the minutes as written; vote: 4-0

Item #2 Public Comment - None received

Item #3 Consideration of Malt and Vinous license for Meadow Lanes - Renewal of License
There have been no issues or problems and they have paid all of their taxes.

David/Keith m/m/s to approve a Malt and Vinous license for Meadow Lanes; vote: unan

Item #4 Police Department - Awarding of Bid for Police Cruiser

Bids were received from:

Farmington Ford \$30,918.18 less trade in (-\$6,000) net = \$24,918.18

Quirk (Augusta) \$29,606.00 less trade in (-\$5,500) net = \$24,106.00

Rowe (Auburn) \$28,993.00 less trade in (-\$4,000) net = \$24, 993.00

Chief Wilcox explained that the low bidder (Quirk) is where the last two vehicles have come from. All of the vehicles are up to specs. The delivery time is about eight weeks. The trade in values are average trade in values.

Tiffany/Ruth m/m/s to award the bid to the low bidder Quirk for \$24,106.00; vote: unan

Item #5 Water/Wastewater Departments Quarterly Report - Heinz Gossman

The construction at the sewer plant should be wrapped up by fall. Cannot have substantial completion until the generator is received.

Questions/Comments from the Board included:

Keith: Is there any way to re-look and tell where the oil issue came from? We have been looking and keeping track of it.

Ruth: Is there much infiltration in our lines? Don't really think so, it is a fairly tight system

Tiffany: The plant is nice and clean

*How does the Board want to go forward with the sale of the old generator, it cannot be given to another department within the Town, because it doesn't meet EPA standards. Heinz would like to put the generator on Craig's list to see what the interest would be in it. The generator still works, we are just getting a new one. If it is placed on Craig's list, unlike some other internet sites, it does not have to be sold if we don't get the interest we expect.

Questions/Comments from the Board included:

Tiffany: There are no big generators around so it probably will take longer because of all of the hurricanes.

It is good to be proactive and allow them to see it active and running. The bid would be contingent on the delivery and running of our new generator.

Ruth: Another Government agency can't use it? It doesn't meet EPA regulations

Maybe you should advertise on the MMA website, they get a lot of activity.

Keith: What size is it? It is 115,000 watts, propane and has a heat exchange

David: See what kind of activity that you get on Craig's List, it may surprise you.

Item #6 Consideration of Jordan Kimball to the Conservation Commission

He has already been a member, but resigned because of time constraints. He would like to come back to the Commission.

Ruth/Tiffany m/m/s to appoint Jordan Kimball to the Conservation Commission; vote: unan

Item #7 Hourly Wages for the Fire Department and Recreation Department

The minimum wage went to \$10/hr on January 1, 2018.

Keith/David m/m/s to increase all of the Fire Department employees by \$1.00/hr based on the 2017 amounts; vote: unan

Keith/Tiffany m/m/s to increase the wages of all first year swim instructors to \$10/hr; vote: unan

Item #8 Recreation Department - Awarding of Bid for Municipal Lease/Purchase for Recreation Dock/Playground Equipment

The Board agreed to do a lease/purchase bid for the docks and toddler playground equipment at Kineowatha and the playground equipment at Bishop Park in East Wilton. A lease purchase does not require a Special Town Meeting. The first payment would be due this July and it would be a three year lease.

Two bids were received from:

Androscoggin Bank:	Interest Rate 3.61%	Annual payment of \$33,197.96
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Franklin Savings Bank:	Interest Rate 3.49%	Annual payment of \$33,142.29
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Questions/Comments from the Board included:

Ruth: Surprised not to see Gorham Leasing, they do several. Rhonda explained that we would rather keep it local unless they had a cheaper rate.

Tiffany: It meets the criteria that we would be paying less in interest than we would be earning in interest, so we would still be making money.

Ruth/David m/m/s to go with the Lease Purchase for Recreation Dock/Playground Equipment from Franklin Savings Bank at an interest rate of 3.49%; vote: unan

Item #9 Would like to skip this item and will bring back to the next meeting

Item #10 Consideration of Voting Hours for the School Budget vote scheduled for May 15

Tabitha from RSU9 contacted the Office earlier in the day and explained that the date was not certain at this point. The polls are required to be open for four hours.

Questions/Comments from the Board included:

Ruth: Date does not matter, would like to see the hours be 8-7

Tiffany: Received lots of positive feedback with the longer hours

Keith: Told noon to six would be enough. The longer hours are a waste of Town funds.

David: Also told noon to six would be enough, would like numbers so we could make a data based decision.

Ruth/Tiffany m/m/s to open the polls from 8 am to 7 pm for the School Budget vote scheduled for May 15; vote: unan

Item # 11 Forster Mill Demolition Update

They are moving right along and the back wall is gone, expect the remaining section of the wall to be down this week. They are packing up the items that will be going to recycling at this time.

Questions/Comments from the Board included:

Keith: Will we run past the ninety days that are in the contract, concern is what the contract says? They are expecting maybe three more weeks so they may be a week over. There is not a specific penalty in the contract, but Rhonda will check on this.

Item #12 Manager's Report

A. Warrant for annual Town Meeting available for May 1 meeting: The Planning Board has some articles that need to go on the warrant. The East Wilton Cemetery needs to go on the warrant as well. It needs to be sent to the printer by the end of that week so that it can be back for the first week of June

B. Nomination papers: Papers have been returned for each of the seats. Tom Saviello for the one year Select Board term, Philip Hilton for the three year Select Board term and Nicholas Mayhew for the School Board seat.

C. Report of Joint Broadband meeting with Jay, Livermore Falls and Farmington: Received basically the same information that they have received before. They need a little clarification for the Wilton area. There are some areas in East Dixfield that are covered by Spectrum that were not included. We have not signed the contract with Beeline yet and Rhonda will invite them to attend one of the meetings in May. Beeline is set to run cable to Fenderson Hill and Fenderson Hill North.

Item #13 Other Business

A. There was a Resolution emailed to the Board and they have a choice of whether or not to add it to the Warrant for Town Meeting.

Comments from the Board included:

Keith: Not on favor of spending taxpayer money on this

Ruth: Not in favor of it as written when it lumps together social services and Greater Franklin Development Corporation.

Tiffany: Not supportive of the current resolution being lumped together

David: Not good planning

No action taken by the Board

B. Tiffany reminded the Board that the letter for the Town Report needs to be in by April 27, and if anyone on the Board would like to review her letter she will have it at the Town Office by April 23.

C. Town Meeting Cookout: It was decided that a cook out will still be held before Town Meeting this year.

D. Town Report Dedication and Spirit of America Nominations are needed

E. Rhonda asked the Board to clarify more what they wanted for inventory information from the Fire Department. The Board explained that they are looking for things such as:

*What is the number of life and safety essential gear/equipment? (ex Jaws of life, chainsaw, air bottles)

*How many do we have and what is the life expectancy?

*If we had an item and have always had that item, but don't anymore, where did the item go?

*Would like clear and concise information; there are discrepancies

*What items are in use and what items are spares?

*Are there pieces/items that we can't get parts for any more?

*Are our air packs old or are they updated?

Ruth/Tiffany m/m/s to adjourn at 6:55 pm